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1 CLAIMS:

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3 What is claimed is:

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5 1. A method of visualizing patterns of change and behavior on a compute infrastructure  
6 having a plurality of nodes, said method comprising:

7 providing a set of color hues;

8 providing predetermined rates of change or behavior for each node of said compute  
9 infrastructure;

10 associating a color hue with a rate of node change or behavior;

11 monitoring said nodes to determine said rate of node change or behavior of each node;

12 displaying a colorized map of said nodes of said compute infrastructure;

13 displaying a first quantitative percentage of change graphic associated with said nodes of  
14 said compute infrastructure;

15 wherein for each of said nodes, displaying said color hue associated with said monitored  
16 rate of node change or behavior;

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18 2 A method as in claim 1 further comprising:

19 providing one or more logical groupings of said nodes, each grouping having common  
20 node attributes;

21 selecting one of said logical node groupings;

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1 identifying on said colorized map said nodes of said selected logical grouping;  
2 displaying a second quantitative percentage of change graphic having a percentage of  
3 change associated with said nodes of said selected logical grouping.

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5 3. The method as in claim 1, further comprising displaying textual data on at least a portion  
6 of said colorized map, said textual data comprising attribute information pertaining to said nodes  
7 of said compute infrastructure.

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9 4. The method as in claim 2, further comprising:  
10 providing a set of baseline attributes to evaluate node conformity;  
11 selecting one of said baseline attributes;  
12 identifying on said colorized map said nodes conforming to said selected baseline  
13 attribute;  
14 displaying said second quantitative percentage of change graphic having a percentage of  
15 change associated with said nodes conforming to said selected baseline attribute.

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17 5. The method as in claim 4, further comprising: displaying said colorized map comprising  
18 substantially of said nodes conforming to said selected baseline attribute.

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20 6. The method as in claim 5, further comprising: displaying a three-dimensional graphic  
21 comprising said nodes conforming to said selected baseline attribute.

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1 7. The method as in claim 1 wherein said first quantitative percentage of change graphic is a  
2 pie chart.

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4 8. The method as in claim 2 wherein said second quantitative percentage of change graphic  
5 is a pie chart.

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7 9 The method as in claim 1 wherein said first quantitative percentage of change graphic is a  
8 bar chart.

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10 10. The method as in claim 2 wherein said second quantitative percentage of change graphic  
11 is a bar chart.

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13 11. The method as in claim 1 wherein said color hues are determined using a weighted  
14 moving average.

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16 12. The method as in claim 1 further comprising:  
17 defining a timeframe;  
18 monitoring said nodes to determine said rate of node change or behavior of each node  
19 during said time frame.